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FLAT FLOAT GLASS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in order to eliminate multiple dependencies in the claims of the above-cited application and to delete extra claims.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 12-15, without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 4-11, as follows.

-- 4. (Amended) The flat glass as claimed in Claim 1, characterized by the fact that the sum Li_2O + Na_2O > 3.5 wt.% to produce chemically prestressed float glass. --

-- 5. (Amended) Flat glass as claimed in Claim 1, characterized by the fact that to prevent the formation of an undesirable crystal band near the surface during floating, the following expression (in wt.%) is valid: $3.2 \times ZnO + TiO_2 \le 4.3$.

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